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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
Daily Mass: 12:30PM  
*Blue Hen Student Mass will resume in the fall*

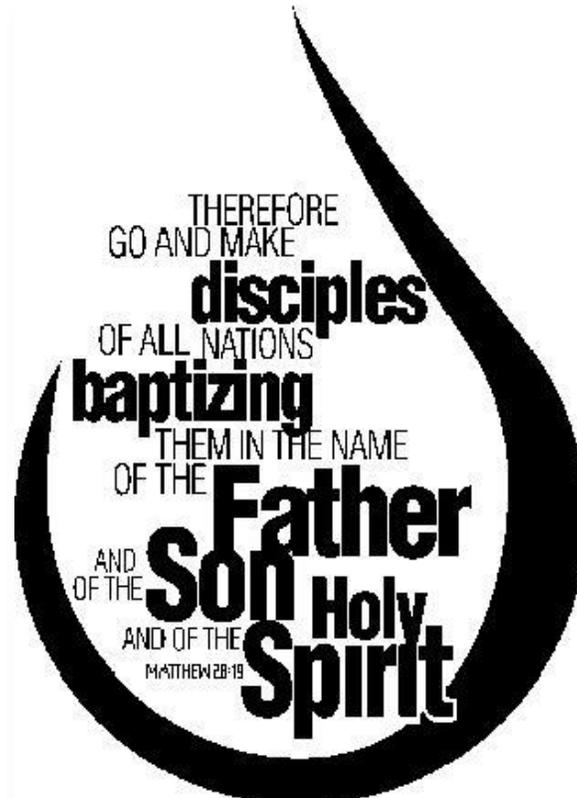
Confession

Tuesday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 2 PM  
or by appointment

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
27 MAY 2018



*“God does not measure our perfection by the many things we do for Him, but by how we do them.”*

~ St. Francis de Sales

# READINGS

27 May

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

3 June

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

# OFFERTORY

6 May 18	\$6,378.00
13 May 18	\$4,979.71
20 May 18	\$6,879.00

Year to Date	\$250,312.60
Goal for Fiscal Year (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)	\$265,000.00

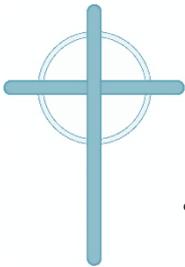
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24 Jun 18  
Peter's Pence Collection



## PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power  
and love created me,  
making me in the image  
and likeness of God.



Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood  
delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates  
of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me  
in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me  
by the graces  
I receive daily from His bounty.



Glory be to the Three adorable  
Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

Amen.



**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 28  
9:30 AM

**Daily Mass**  
Mon – Fri 12:30pm

**Saturday**  
5:00pm

**Sunday**  
9:30am & 11:30am



**Confessions**  
Tues 5:30 – 6:30pm  
or by appointment

## THE TRINITY

Many of you will remember the days of Confirmation when students would be prepared to answer during the ceremony the questions that the Bishop would ask. The day would come and the bishop would begin the ceremony. Then, during the homily he would often come down the aisle and ask the Confirmation students questions about our faith and our practices. What do Catholics do on Sundays? What are the seven sacraments, the Ten Commandments, the gifts of the Holy Spirit? All standard questions that students were expected to answer. One day a bishop called on a student and said, "Can you please explain the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Trinity?" The nervous student stood, and without missing a beat, proudly stated: "No, Bishop, I cannot. The Blessed Trinity is a mystery that we cannot explain!"

She was 100% correct we cannot explain the Trinity. Does that mean that we should not believe it? Well, let me use an example. Can you explain sunrise and sunset? You may say, "Of course, we can. The earth rotates on its axis, and it takes about 24 hours for the earth to complete one rotation." Yes, that describes what happens, but can we fully explain why it happens that way? Can we explain why it take 24 hours rather than 48 hours? Why the speed is what it is? Why does it occur the way it does rather than another way? And the list of potential questions could continue. So, too with the Trinity we can never fully explain the ins and outs, the why of the Trinity, but we can describe very well the manifestations of God as three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Among all of the various faith aspects revealed in scripture, perhaps the most difficult aspect of our faith, is our teaching on the Trinity. There is one God, but three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet, the one aspect of our faith that we invoke the most is the Trinity. We begin and end prayer in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. When we bless people and objects and events, we do so in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. When you came into church today, you blessed yourselves with water blessed in the name of the Trinity and made the sign of the cross in the name of the Trinity. So, we can easily say that the Trinity is the most frequently proclaimed reality of our faith, the most difficult to explain, but the most frequently proclaimed.

Why is it easy to believe in the Trinity? First of all, it is revealed to us in scripture especially the scriptures of today's Mass. Secondly, In the Old Testament, we see God as Father referred to many times as father at work among the people. Then, in the New Testament, Jesus reveals himself as God, as the Son who has received everything from the Father, that is, he is equal to the Father. This Jesus promises to continue God's presence in the world through the Holy Spirit that we celebrated just last Sunday on Pentecost, this Holy Spirit who comes into the world so that we can keep in touch with God and his creation.

Yes, it is true that we still try to explain the Holy Trinity. However, at best we can describe the Holy Trinity. Can you explain the love between husband and wife? Well, when push comes to shove, it's hard to explain, and, in reality, we can best describe the manifestation of a love between husband and wife. Perhaps our attitude towards the Trinity should be similar. Just as a husband and wife enjoy their love, perhaps we, too, rather than trying to explain, we should just enjoy the fact that God loves us so much that he loved us in three different ways. Let us believe and pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

## ONGOING PROGRAMMING

### **ROSARY**

**MON 7:30 PM**

Come join us to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament

### **PRAYER & MEDITATION** **TUE 5:30 PM**

Looking for some quiet prayer & meditation time during your busy day?

Stop by the O on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30

5:30 – 6:30	Exposition & Adoration
5:30 – 6:30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Available
6:30	Benediction

### **BINGO OUTREACH** **TUE 6:30 PM**

The Jeanne Jugan Home is a retirement home in Newark run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. We volunteer our time by spending an hour playing bingo and talking with the residents. We leave from the Oratory at 6:30 and are back by 8:15PM.

### **BIBLE STUDY** **RESUMES IN THE FALL**

Looking for a student Bible study? Join us as we look ahead to the Sunday scripture readings and discuss how they affect our lives. Stop by and share the challenges of living out the gospel on campus.

Student Leaders: Mary Kate Prieto & Mike Palmer

### **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** **WED 11AM**

Community Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays from 11 – 12 to look ahead at the Sunday readings. Bible Study is led by Fr. Ed and welcome to all non-students. Call or email for more information - [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:udcatholic@gmail.com)

### **FAITH JOURNEY/ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Sign-up online. Feel free to call or email with questions. Contact – [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:udcatholic@gmail.com)

Need to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Classes resume in the fall - call or email for more information - [udcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:udcatholic@gmail.com)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

*For the Sake of God's Children* is the safe environment program of the Diocese of Wilmington, designed to keep young people participating in ministry around the diocese free from harm. Participants include the Bishop, all priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, all lay employees and volunteers. For more information visit [www.cdown.org](http://www.cdown.org) and click the FSGC logo.

### **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

If you have a family member serving in the armed forces or know a UD student or alum serving, please bring in a picture with the name & unit address of the soldier to and include in our prayers. Please include the name and connection to the soldier for our display board.

### **THEDIALOG.ORG**

Did you know you can read new stories from The Dialog each day? Visit us online at the new and improved [thedialog.org](http://thedialog.org). Your local Catholic news website has relaunched with a new, user-friendly design. Make [thedialog.org](http://thedialog.org) a daily stop on your online travels and stay connected to local, regional, national and worldwide Catholic news, features, opinion, local sports and more. See more photos, multimedia presentation and up-to-the-minute news from the Catholic press. In addition to following us online, we encourage you to continue to pick up our print edition as you leave church.

### **STOCK THE PANTRY MONTH FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

June is Catholic Charities semi-annual "Stock the Pantry" project! Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation! You can support our most vulnerable neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Drop off canned meats, soups, fruits, and vegetables; boxes of pasta, cereal, baking mixes; jars of peanut butter and jelly; coffee, tea, powdered milk at any of the Catholic Charities locations. Catholic Charities will also accept gift cards to local grocery stores or cash donations. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center at [www.cdown.org/charities](http://www.cdown.org/charities).